

MINUTES
Crested Butte Town Council
Regular Council Meeting
September 19, 2011
Council Chambers, Crested Butte Town Hall

Mayor Leah Williams called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Council members present: Jim Schmidt, John Wirsing, Daniel Escalante, Reed Betz, Phoebe Wilson and Roland Mason. Staff Present: Town Manager Susan Parker, Town Attorney John Belkin, Town Clerk Eileen Hughes, Town Planner John Hess (for part of meeting), Building and Zoning Director Bob Gillie (for part of meeting) and Parks and Recreation Director Jake Jones (for part of meeting).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Escalante moved and Betz seconded to approve the agenda with the removal of item "6 D" under "New Business" regarding the Business Occupation and Licensing Tax. A roll call vote was taken with all voting "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

CONSENT AGENDA

A) Approval of Minutes of September 6, 2011 Regular Council meeting.

Escalante moved and Betz seconded to approve the consent agenda. A roll call vote was taken with all voting "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Scott Eden, owner of Intermountain Waste and Recycling based in Carbondale, Colorado, said he is one of the parties who jointly submitted a bid to the Town for residential trash and recycling services. Eden provided background information on his company and noted that he is the former regional vice president of Waste Management and he left that position in 2007 to start his own trash and recycling company first in Virginia and later in Carbondale, CO. Eden noted that his company offers "single stream" recycling. Eden said if the Town is "going to break the chain" (of using the Town's current contractor Waste Management) then now is the time.

STAFF REPORTS

John Hess:

- An affordable housing unit in town is under contract and another unit, which is a mobile home, may soon be available on the market.
- The Affordable Housing Committee will meet again on September 22, 2011 and an ordinance will be brought to the Council on October 3, 2011 regarding resident-occupied affordable housing requirements.

Jake Jones:

- The Public Works Department recently installed a French drain on the Lupine Trail near the Saddle Ridge trailhead. Permanent signage will be installed on the trail this fall and

next spring. Also signage regarding parking areas will be installed. He has not heard any complaints recently about trail users going off trail.

- Work is progressing on the ice rink roof project.
- The Parks crew is working on an "event area" at the Town Ranch for "tented" events. Irrigation will be buried and the gazebo is being restored for use in the area. Staff will soon propose a fee structure for use of the area.
- The area on the east side of the 8th Street sidewalk was seeded.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A) Ordinance No. 16, Series 2011 - An Ordinance Amending The Town's Subdivision Regulations By Amending The Definitions, Fees, Major Subdivision Sketch Plan Submittals, Major Subdivision Preliminary Plan Submittals, Major Subdivision Dedication Requirements, Major Subdivision Design Standards And Wetland Functional Analysis.

Mayor Williams read the title of the ordinance and confirmed with the Town Clerk that proper public notice of the public hearing was given. Hess pointed out several revisions to the ordinance since the last Council meeting. Hess noted a few of the revisions are the result of direction from the Council and others revisions are either clarifications or corrections of typos.

Mayor Williams opened the public hearing. There were no public comments. Mayor Williams closed the public hearing.

Escalante moved and Wirsing seconded to approve Ordinance No. 16, Series 2011. A roll call vote was taken with all voting "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

A) Office for Resource Efficiency Quarterly Report.

Andris Zobs, Director of the Office for Resource Efficiency (ORE), reviewed and expanded on ORE's "Town of Crested Butte Q3 Partnership Update" provided in the Council packets. Zobs said the biggest success story is the number of contractors enrolled in the "Energy Smart Program" and those contractors are busier than ever. Zobs reported that the state energy rebate program "Recharge Colorado" was well received in Gunnison County. Zobs explained that Gunnison County represents .3 percent of the population of Colorado and County residents took advantage of .24 percent of the total available state rebate funds. Zobs pointed out that ORE is continuing to participate in Region 10's sustainability committee and plans to work with Region 10 on another Housing and Urban Development grant, although previous grants submitted were not awarded. Zobs also pointed out ORE's many public outreach programs.

Council took a five minute break

B) Appointment of Member to the Affordable Housing Committee.

Council noted that Andris Zobs was the only applicant for appointment to the Town's Affordable Housing Committee.

Schmidt moved and Wirsing seconded to approve the appointment of Andris Zobs to the Affordable Housing Committee. A roll call vote was taken with all voting "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

C) Don Cook Request for Bus Stop on Elk Avenue in Front of the Crested Butte Mountain Heritage Museum.

Mayor Williams noted she spoke with Mt. Express Transit Director Chris Larsen earlier in the day and she was surprised to hear that Larsen did not know that Don Cook's request was on the Town Council agenda. Cook, who is a member of the Board of Directors of the Crested Butte Mountain Heritage Museum, said he last spoke with Larsen about a year ago concerning the request for a bus stop in front of the museum. Cook said he provided Mayor Williams with a petition in support of the bus stop a while ago and thought the petition would be presented to both the Council and the Mt. Express Board. Williams said she had no idea that Cook wanted the item on the Council's agenda.

Cook said expecting a bus stop on the Town's main street (i.e. Elk Avenue) is a realistic request and he can present solutions to concerns expressed by Mt. Express about locating a bus stop on Elk Avenue. One such concern is that an extra stop would take more time and affect the bus schedule. Cook noted that another bus stop was added on 6th Street a year or so ago and there was no debate about the additional stop.

Several council members agreed that Cook's request should be discussed further. One council member said the Town is in the customer satisfaction business and the bus stop is worth considering. Another council member said the route should be timed out and the findings discussed.

The following local residents and/or business owners spoke in support of a bus stop on Elk Avenue in front of the museum:

- Teresa Cesario-owner of Casa Bella 321 Elk Ave.
- Andrew Canale- on behalf of the Teocalli Tamale on Elk Ave.
- J.C. Leacock-owner of J.C. Leacock Photography on Elk Ave.
- Al Vogel- a Crested Butte resident.
- Patti Gast- owner of Patti Gast Massage and Reiki.
- Alan Hegeman-Crested Butte resident and former Elk Ave. business owner.

Council directed the Town Manager to schedule a meeting with Don Cook, Town staff and representatives of Mt. Express to discuss the matter.

E) Off-site Business Signage Follow Up.

Mayor Williams noted that Council recently discussed getting together with business owners to discuss activities on Elk Avenue. Design Review Coordinator Molly Minneman said it may be premature to move forward on off-site signage at this point. Minneman added that it could be

valuable to get input from business owners, especially regarding buildings that may be locations for off-site signage.

Council expressed various opinions on the topic. One council member said he supported the committee recommendations stated in Minneman's staff report to Council dated September 14, 2011. Several council members said the topic of off-site signage should be addressed soon and an ordinance should be presented to current the Council for consideration prior to the November election. Several other council members expressed reluctance to fast-track the topic noting that off-site signage deals with private property. Minneman pointed out that there are a number of issues happening on Elk Avenue and it may be beneficial to consider how signage interplays with other things happening on Elk Avenue. One council member said he did not see why the topic should be folded into an overall discussion about things happening on Elk Avenue because it could be putting too many items into the "soup."

Council agreed that council members as well as council candidates should set up a time to meet with Minneman to tour Elk Avenue signage and to follow up with a discussion on the October 3, 2011 agenda.

F) Town Manager Report Regarding Request For Proposals for Residential Refuse and Recycling Pick Up.

Town Manager Susan Parker noted the chart she provided Council outlining the components of the proposals she received from two bidders in response to the Town's request for proposals (RFP) for residential trash and recycling pick-up. Parker noted that Town residents currently pay \$17.89 a month for trash and recycling service. Parker also explained that the RFP was the first joint RFP with Mt. Crested Butte. Parker pointed out that Intermountain is offering one toss recycling service, whereas, Waste Management's recycling service is co-mingled glass, plastic and aluminum separated from cardboard and paper.

Parker also reviewed "additional services" being offered by each bidder (as outlined on the graph) and noted that additional services cannot be considered in making a decision on the bid, but may be negotiated later. Parker said from the information on the graph it's clear what her recommendation is regarding the award of the bid and Parker asked Council to provide direction for her to negotiate with one of the bidders. Additionally, Parker asked Council what additional services it would like her to negotiate.

Council asked for more information on what WM Montrose landfill means and what Grand Junction MURF means (as stated on the graph of the bid review). Several council members said the phrasing of the item on the agenda ("Town Manager Report Regarding Request for Residential Refuse and Recycling Pick Up") does not accurately reflect an expectation that the bid would be awarded at this meeting. A few council members said they did have enough information to make a decision tonight. Council also asked how the Town's award of the bid interplays with Mt. Crested Butte's bid award. Parker said she was unsure how the Town's award affects Mt. Crested Butte, but each town reserves the right to negotiate separately.

Council agreed to get additional questions to Parker by 5 p.m. September 20, 2011 and to place the matter on the October 3, 2011 agenda. In response to a question from Hughes about wording of the agenda item, Parker said the item should be phrased as follows: "Discussion and possible action on residential and trash and recycling contract."

LEGAL MATTERS

Belkin distributed a memo to the Council regarding the Town's medical marijuana (MMJ) ordinance and the need for further direction from Council regarding topics such as allowing grow operations and/or infused products manufacture and whether or not the Council wants to retain a limit on the number of MMJ dispensaries. Belkin explained that the Town's current ordinance does not address many of the policy issues noted in his memo. Parker cautioned Council about discussing the matter in-depth because the topic was not an agenda item.

Council and staff discussed whether or not Council should try to address the topic before new council members are seated. Mayoral candidate Aaron Huckstep, who was in the audience, said the Council can't wrap up everything before the new Council is seated and he does not have any concerns about picking up on the topic of MMJ.

Hughes recommended the policy questions noted in Belkin's memo go to the MMJ committee for consideration. Council agreed and directed staff to follow up with committee recommendations and an MMJ ordinance at the Oct. 3, 2011 Council meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Jim Schmidt:

- Reported on the Gunnison County Land Preservation Board's discussions regarding the purchase of open space land in Gunnison County near Hotchkiss, Colorado.

Leah Williams:

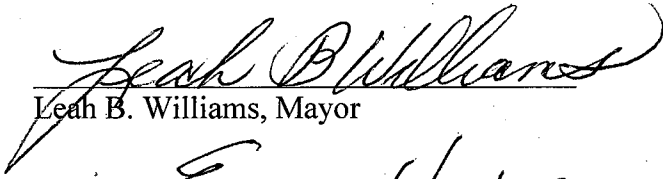
- The Rural Transportation Authority (RTA) has scheduled 8 bus runs between Gunnison and Mt. Crested Butte this winter. Last winter there were only 6 daily runs. The bus service will be free.
- The Mt. Express Board held a retreat today. The Board is considering the addition of another bus route and is investigating hybrid buses and buses that utilize natural gas. Mt. Express has accumulated \$400,000 in its reserve fund.
- Williams, Jim Schmidt and Finance Director Lois Rozman will meet on Monday, September 26, 2011 to review service grant applications.
- The Gunnison County Economic Development Committee will meet in late September, 2011 to determine how to move forward.

Dan Escalante:

- It would be valuable if council members who served on the service grant committee in the past participate in the process this time. Williams responded that the committee is comprised of council members who volunteered and all council members are welcome to attend the committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 10:01 p.m.


Leah B. Williams, Mayor


Eileen Hughes, Town Clerk

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